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HAS FOR SALE-NEW PATTERNS in CARPETS. WINDOW CURTAINS of all kinds. HATS IN EVERY STYLE. DRESS BOOTS, and SHOES.

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For Sale.

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SHORT SNIDERS with SWORD BAYONETS. Guinness's STOUT, Bottled by Foster. BASS'S ALE, Bass in Hhds., SACCONE'S SHERRIES.

CRAWFORD & Co. LANE,

Hongkong, January 9, 1879.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

JOHN GRANT SMITH and WIL-LIAM DOLAN in our Firm CEASED on

MACEWEN, FRICKEL & Co. Dated this 31st day of December, 1878.

NOTICE.

HAVE This Day Established myself as a COMMISSION MERCHANT, &c., at No. 2, Queen's Road, under the Style of "J. G. SMITH & Co."

J. GRANT SMITH. Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

NOTICE. THE BUSINESS hitherto Conducted by us at this Port, CANTON and SHANGHAI will be CONTINUED from This Date under the Style and Title of

VOGEL & Co. VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

NOTICE. TITE have Established a BRANCH of our Firm at Shanghal.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co. Hongkong, December 31, 1878.

NOTICE. T HAVE This Day Established myself at this Port and at CANTON as MER-THANT and COMMISSION AGENT. under the Firm or Style of PUSTAU

& Co. T. I. E. VON PUSTAU. Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

Have This Day RESUMED my BUSI-NESS as MARINE SURVEYOR at this Port. R. H. CAIRNS,

Surveyor to Local Insurance Offices and Lloyd's Register of Shipping. Club Chambers,

Hongkong, December 21, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY Mr OTTO BENECKE in our Firm CEASED on 31st December, 1878. CARLOWITZ & Co.

Canton, Hongkong } January 1, 1879. fel Peddar's Hill, No. 2,

the late JOHN FALCONER ROSE in our Firm CEASED on the 21st January, ROSE & Co.

Hongkong, January 22, 1879.

NOTICE.

HAVE This Day Established myself as a PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT and AUDITOR. THOS. ARNOLD.

16, Bank Buildings, Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

Hongkong, January 17, 1879.

Day CRASED to be a Partner in our Business, HEINEMANN & Co., Ship Brokers.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY OF Mr WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on he 31st December last.

Mr CHARLES VINCENT SMITH IS admitted a Partner from This Date.

RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP Co. TAR. J. J. HOWARD is hereby autho-VI rized to Sign Bills of Lading by.

the Company's Steamers. RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

fe2 Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned being about to CLOSE his Firm at Swatow, hereby notifies that all DEBTS and CLAIMS due to or by him, he will Collect and Pay. The Interest and Good will of his Business

has been transferred to Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. E. VINCENT.

Hougkong, November 30, 1878.

TOTICE is hereby given, that Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. have This Day-Established a BRANCH of their Firm at Swatow, and have authorized Mr G. D. PITMAN to Sign per Procuration.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

NOTICE. HAVE This Day established myself as GENERAL and SHARE BROKER.

CARL DENEKE. Office, Bank Buildings, Hongkong, December 3, 1878.

NOTICE. TATE have To-day entered into Partnership under the Firm of DENEKE

& GEORG as SHARE and GENERAL BROKERS. CARL DENEKE. ERICH GEORG,

Hongkong, January 15, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of. THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned in the Chinese Mail, 字日報 (Wah Teze Yat Po), CEASED from the 1st August, 1877, but Debts prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.

CHUN AYIN. Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

TN Reference to the above, the Undersigned has LEASED the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr Leong Yook Chun, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new regime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG CHIM, Lesses of the Hongkong Chinese Mall. Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

intimations.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Lwenty-Fifth Ordinary Holf-yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be Held at the Office of the Company, No. 50 A, Queen's Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 29th Instant, at 3 o'Clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of Receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Direc-

tor an i Auditors. By Order of the Board of Directors, P. A. DA COSTA,

· Secretary. Hongkong, January 10, 1870.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 29th Instant, inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors,

P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary. Hongkong, January 10, 1879.

NOTICE.

FALCONER & Co. beg to announce that, during December and JANUARY Next, they will offer their Large and Magnificent Stock of JEWELLERY, WATCHES, CLOCKS, SILVER and ELECTRO-PLATE, &c., &c., Considerably

under the Usual Prices. Just Arrived from England, an Elegant ASSORTMENT of SILVER CUPS, suitable for REGATTA or RACE MEETINGS. Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE above SOCIETY'S ANNUAL EX-HIBITION OF FLOWERS, FRUIT, VEGETABLES, &c., will be Held on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 12th and 13th of February, 1879. W. M. B. ARTHUR,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 23, 1879. DENTAL NOTICE.

TR. ROGERS has Returned and is Now Ready to RECEIVE PATIENTS at No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD. Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

LOST. BOUT the 27th or 28th Dec., an Eng-A lish White Poodle DOG, Female. Answers to the name of "BEAUTY." A Liberal Reward will be given for its return to 3rd door above Gage Street, on Peel Street, MISS GORDON.

Hongkong, January 21, 1879.

NOTICE. ROM the 1st of October, DE EASTLACKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, Queen's Road Central, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW. The Steamship "DOUGLAS," Captain Young, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 26th Instant, at Daylight, For Freight or Passage, apply to. DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE. (Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and taking through Cargo and Passengers for New Zealand.)

Hongkong, January 23, 1879.

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "NORMANBY" will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 28th Instant, at 2 p.m., instead of as previously advertised. For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, January 23, 1879.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Bark "J. H. INGERSOLL," Captain Dow, will load here for the above Port, and will

have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, December 30, 1878. FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Bark " AGATE," PIRE, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will

have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, January 20, 1879. FOR HAMBURG. The 3/3 L. 1. 1. German Bark "CONDOR,"
STEFFENS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will

have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.

Hougkong, December 13, 1878. FOR NEW YORK. The American Ship "FLEETWING," GUEST, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co. Hongkong, December 3, 1878.

Auctions.

have quick despatch.

HE Undersigned has received instructions from E. DE LAGRENE, Esq., French Consul of Canton, to sell

PUBLIC AUCTION.

by Public Auction, on TUESDAY,

the 28th day of January, 1879, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,-Sundry EFFECTS, belonging to the Estate of the late Captain Longueville,

comprising:-A large collection of BOOKS. A collection of Chinese, Japanese, Corean, and Annamite COINS. Aneroid, Sextant, Microscopes, Telescopes, Binoculars, Medicine Chest, Breech-loading and Needle Rifles and

Fowling-Pieces, Spencer Repeating Rifles, Pistols, and Cartridges. Vases, Bronzes, Ornaments, Catalogues will be issued. TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

Auctioneer. Hongkong, January 10, 1879.

PUBLIC AUCTION. THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

WEDNESDAY, the 29th January, 1879, at 2 p.m., at the Office of Messrs OLYPHANT & Co.,

The whole of the HOUSEHOLD and OFFICE FURNITURE, &c., compris-English-made Mahogany Moroccocovered Sofas and Easy Chairs.

English-made Oak Marble-top Cheffo-

Pier Glasses, Clocks, Gasaliers and Gas Brackets, Engravings, Carpets, Glass Bookcases, and Books. Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Chest of Drawers, Marble-top Tables, Toilet Tables and Glasses, etc., etc.

geon Holes, Book Shelves, Copying Presses and Stationery. American-made Caron Billiard Table, with Balls, Cues, &c., complete, by Phelan and Collinder. 1 Iron Safe, 1 Fancy Iron Safe, by

Office Desks, Paper Presses, Sets Pi-

Verstaen; 1 Chubb's Iron Safe; Platform and 1 Money Scales and Weights. 2 Printing Presses, a Quantity of Types, Type Stands, &c. I Four Oar Gig, with Awning, Cars,

&c., complete.

1 Pheton. And,

SUNDRY WINE. Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Tuesday, the 28th Instant.

TERMS OF SALE. - As customary: J. M. ARMSTRONG Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 21, 1879.

For Sale. FOR SALE.

CLOTH TROWSER LENGTHS, ALBUMS, in great variety.

CALL BELLS. DESSERT, DINNER and BREAK.

HOUSEHOLD STORES, of every Description,

Hongkong, November 16, 1878. $\mathbf{N} \neq \mathbf{G}$

TABLE CLOTHS & TABLE NAPKINS.

CHINA MAIL Office.

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Geographical Notes on the Province of

Intelligence.

NOTICE. TR. ROBERT BERNHARD has This

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To Let.

TO BE LET. TTOUSES Nos. 5 and 9, Zetland Street DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co. Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

TO LET.

TIRST-CLASS OFFICES and GO DOWNS, Nos. 54 and 60, Praya Central,

Apply to

WO HANG, Nos. 6 and 7, Praya West.

Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

TO LET.

TN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65. formerly known as the Blue Houses, situate on Praya East:-

FIRST FLOOR, No. 2, with possession 1st February.

SIX SPACIOUS ROOMS, with Cor-

ridors and Out-houses in the DWELLING HOUSE, to the Eastward of the Pier at Wanchai. These may be had in Apartments of Two or Three Rooms to suit convenience. Fine spacious Verandah looking on the Harbour. Immediate Possession.

TO LET.

TAIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS. attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai MARINE LOT 65.

A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close to the Wanchal Pier. Timber received on Storage or the Yard Rented.

For further particulars, apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 15, 1878. TO BE LET. TIWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10,

Praya Central. Apply to

TURNER & Co. Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

Notices to Consignees.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Glenorchy having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goodswith the exception of Opium-are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 2 p.m., To-day, Cargo remaining undelivered after the

27th Instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, January 20, 1879. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

MONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery, This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. L. HENNEQUIN-Actg. Agent.

Ex "Iraquaddy." G (in diamond) No. 1/3, Messrs Gilman & Co., 3 cases Granite, from London. Hongkong, January 3, 1879.

intimations.

NOTICE.

THE Head Office of the CHINESE IN. SURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, is This Day REMOVED to No. 39, Queen's ROAD CENTRAL.

J. BRADLEE SMITH, General Agent.

Hongkong, December 30, 1878.

PLEASE NOTICE.

MR. H. SCHUREN begs to advertise that he will leave this Colony for EUROPE on or about the 8th of March next, and that therefore no Photos, can be taken by him after the 28th of February. Hongkong, January 13, 1879.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Seither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Flensborg, for Chefoo. Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:---

FONTENAYE, British ship, Capt. Geo. B. Taylor. - Arnhold, Karberg & Co. FANNY, French barque, Captain E. M. Gonyo. - Landstein & Co.

PRINCE ARTHUR, British barque, Capt. R. Wills, -- Chiness. Pacific, German steamer, Capt. Herne.

sheim—Siemssen & Co.

PILGRIM, American ship, Capt. Fowle. Russell & Co.

ALFREDO, Italian barque, Captain S. Pittaluga.—Borneo Co., Limited.

HARON ADELETEIN, Norwegian steamer, Captain O. O. Berge.—Arnhold, Karberg

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTIOE.

TR. FZEKIEL ABRAHAM SOLO MON has been admitted a Partner in our Firm of this Port and in China, from 1st January, 1879.

E. D. SASSOON & Co. Hongkorg, January 24, 1879.

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship Commandant De La Marcelle, will be despatched for YOKO-HAMA on SATURDAY, the 25th Instant, at 4 p.m.

L. HENNEQUIN, Actg. Agent.

Hongkong, January 24, 1879. NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "YANGTSE,"

Commandant Nombedeu, will be despatched for SHANGHAI on SATURDAY, the 25th Inst., at 5 p.m. L. HENNEQUIN Actg. Agent.

Hongkong, January 24, 1879. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

YANGTSE.

NOTICE. MONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. Euphrate, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on. unless intimation is received from the Consigness, before To-DAY, the 24th Instant. at 3 p.m., requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after FRI-DAY, the 31st Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges. No Fire Insurance has been effected. L. HENNEQUIN,

Acig. Agent. Hongkong, January 24, 1879.

FOR AMOY, TAMSUI & TAIWANFOO. The Steamship "HAILOONG," Captain Goode, will be deon TUESDAY, the 28th Instant, at Noon,

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, January 24, 1879

FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO. The Steamship "GORDON CASTLE, expected here on or about the 27th Instant, will have

immediate despatch for the above Ports, For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,

Hongkong, January 24, 1879.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COM-PANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE TENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be Held at the Company's Office, 39. Queen's Road, Victoria, at HALP PAST Two o'Clock in the Afternoon of MON-DAY, the 24th February next, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1878.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 24th February, both-days-inclusive.

By Order, JAS. B. COUGHTRIE. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 24, 1879.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Jan. 24, Yang-tsé, French steamer, 2400, Nomdedeu, Marseilles Dec. 15, Naples 17, Port Said 22, Aden 27, Colombo Jan. 6, Galle 7, Singapore 16, and Saigon 20, Malls and General.-MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. Jan. 24, Sun-kee, Chinese R. C., from

ja30 | Cheong chow. Jan. 24, Vicent ., Spanish barque, 518, Tremoya, Jan. 15, Timber.—Remedios &

Jan. 24, Kirkland, British barque, 453, T. Colledge, Saigon Dec. 8, Salt .- CHINERE. Jan. 24, H.M.S. Vigilant, from Canton,

DEPARTURES. fe13 | Jan. 24. Teucer, for Shanghai. 24, Hwai Yuen, for Canton.

24 Wrecker, for Cap sing moon. CLEARED.

PASSENGERS,

ARRIVED.

Per Yang tsé, for Hongkong : from Marseilles, Mr and Mrs A. B. Johnson, Messrs R. Lyall, Peterson, Carrique, Low, daughter and infant, and Capt. Mercier.; from Singapore, Mr and Mrs Rolland, Mr and Mrs Mulholland, Messrs A. Solomon and A. Deschamel; from Salgon, Mesers Gantim Wee, Bourisboure, Mertinie, Cauchet, and Thomine, and 11 Chinese. - For Shanghai: from Marseilles, Messrs Georger, Shearer, Tomatin, Sambrock, Mu Yuyung, King Shiyung, Mrs Roberts and daughter from Port Said, Mr Mondini .- For Yokobama; from Marseilles, Messrs Atkinson, Takasia Saysa, Icsegayakenkili, Kata Dienyo, Mac tamota Hanopo, Noyokota, Tomokili, Virer, and de Kerraoul; from Naples, Mr G. Bolmida.

DEPARTED. Per Teuser, for Shanghai, Master Purcell.

SHIPPING REPORTS. The British steamer Normanby reports: Left Sydney at 6 pm. on the 23rd Deci. passed Smoky Cape at midnight on the 24th, Cape Byson at 6.55 p.m. on the 25th, Cape Morton at 11 a.m. on the 26th. rounded Break Sea Spit at noon on the 27th, passed Cape Capricorn Light at 1.80

a.m. on the 28th, Bowen at 4.30 p.m. on the 29th, and arrived off Townsville 8.15 a.m. on the 30th, left again at 5.30 p.m. same date. Passed Fitzroy Island at 2 p.m. on the 81st, and auchored off Home Islands at 0.45 a.m. on the 1st inst., hove up at 4.30 a.m., proceeded and arrived at Cooktown at 7.30 a.m. same date. Left Cooktown on the 2nd inst. at 3 p.m. passed through Albany Pass at 6 p.m. on the 4th, and anchored under the lee, of Tuesday Island at 8.45 p.m. same date (heavy gales and dirty thick weather), at 4.40 a.m. on the 5th again proceeded, and passed Ipilli Reef at 6.45 a.m., where the S. S. Mecca is on shore. At Goode Island signals were made requesting us to go in and take on board passengers from the S. S. Ocean, that vessel having struck the Ghibber Rock whilst going into the port after taking her passengers, mails and cargo proceeded at 4 p.m. same date, passed through Manipa Straits at 1 a.m. on the 18th, Banka Passage at 11 p.m. on the 14th, Basilan Straits on the morning of the 17th, Mindoro Island at 4 p.m. on the 19th, and arrived at Hongkong at 11.30 a.m. the 23rd Jan. From Sydney to Cooktown experionced fresh Northerly winds and fine weather, from thence to Torres Straits strong head winds and dirty weather, and from there to Arrus Island strong N.W. gales attended with high sea, from thence to Basilan Straits moderate Westerly and Northerly winds with occasional rain squalls, and from thence to arrival in port moderate N.E. monsoon and fine weather. From 8 p.m. on the 22nd experienced a dense fog which detained the ship 5 hours, stopped off Waglan Island until 9 a.m. when fog lifted. Passed the E. and A. Co.'s S. S. Menmuir off Indian head on the morning of the 27th ult., and a steamer bound East 60 miles West of Banka passage on the 15th inst., and one bound to the South-East off the Island of Panay on the 18th, also a steamer bound to the Eastward on the afternoon of the 20th inst.

Shipping Intelligence. The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers, &c.;-VESSELS TO ARRIVE.

والمحجود والمساور AT HONGKONG. Name. 28, Oracle, Liverpool

Antwerp 30, Bristolian, 26, Underwriter, Fortress Monros

28, Abbey Cooper, l, Bury St. Edmunds, Penarth 9, Urania, Penarth

18, Excelsion, Hamburg 17. James Shepherd. 17, Cilurnum, Liverpool [via C'diff 16, Jacobine. Liverpool

19, Hermann, Bremen Nov. Maasluis 8, Jan Peter, 21, Fulds, Hamburg 29, Rosaire, Oardiff

1. Nestor (s.), Liverpool 7, Gordon Castle, London 10. Blenhelm, Antwerp

11, Glaucus (s.), Liverpool LOADING FOR OHINA AND JAPAN PORTS. At London. - Steamers via Suez Canal, Radnorshire. Teviot.

St Mark. Scotland. Sailing Vesisel. Carricks. Devana. At Liverpool. Ulysses (s.)

CARGOES. Per 'S. S. Gaelic, sailed 2nd January, 1879 :- For Yokohama, 464 bags Sugar, 15 cases Castor Oll, and 31 pkgs. Merchandise; from San Francisco, 1,000 bales Hemp, 44 cases Silks, 3 bales Raw Silk, 118 pkgs. Nutmegs, 245 pkgs. Tea, 10 pkgs. Cigars, 10 bags Cloves, 151 bags Tapioca, 407 bags Beans, 46,815 bags Rice, 500 bags Sugar, 68 bags Tul Seeds, 1,295 Empty Quicksilver Flasks, 78 boxes Prepared Oplum, 12 pkgs. Crude Opium, and 3,9 5 pkgs. Merchandise for Boston, 12 bales Raw Silk, and 8 cases Chinaware; for New York, 4 cases Raw Silk, 318 bales Raw Silk, 2 cases Silk

Goods, 4 pkgs. Merchandise, and 562 pkgs. Tea; for Chicago, 1,334 pkgs. Tea. Per S. S. City of Tokio, sailed 17th Jan., 1879: -For Yokohama, 1,700 bags Sugar, 1,253 bags Peas, 203 pkgs. Cordage, 150 bales Yarn, and 389 pkgs. Merchandise; for San Francisco, 17,572 bags Rice, 100 bags Coffee, 200 bags Beans, 1,000 bales Hemp, 1,810 Quicksilver Flasks, 59 pkgs. Oplum, 38 pkgs. Tea (2,366 lbs.), 3 bales Silk, 1.465 pkgs. Merchandise, and 2 boxes Treaaure (\$2,600); for Victoria, 5 pkgs. Opium for Punta Arenas, 6 pkgs. Silks, and 6 pkgs. Lacquered-wafe ; for Panama, 2 pkgs. Silks, 4 pkgs. Opium, and 16 pkgs. Merchandise; for Callao, 1 pkge. Opium, 32 pkgs. Silks, and 6 pkgs. Merchandise; for Trinidad, 3 pkgs. Medicine; for Valparaiso, 9 pkgs. Silks ; for New York, 155 bales Silk, 229 rolls Matting, and 8 pkgs. Merchandise; for Boston, 1 pkge, Silk Goods, and 4 bales Silk.

POST OFFICE NOTICES. MAILS will close:-For YOKUHAMA .--

Per Tanais, at 3.80 p.m. To morrow, the 25th inst. For SHANGHAL .--

Per Yang-tse, at 4 p.m. To morrow, the 25th inst., late letters received from 4.10 to 4.30, with 18 cents late fee. For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCHOW .---Per Douglas, at 0 p.m., on Saturday, the 25th inst.

For AMOY, TAMSUI, AND TAIWAN .-Per Hailoung, at 11.80 a.m., on Tuesday, the 28th inst.

MAILS BY THE PRESON PACES. The French Contract Packet Iraquaddy will he despatched on SATURDAY, the 25th Instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, vid Naples | to Salgon, Etfa ta Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, O. y.on, India (vià Madras), Australia, New Zealand, l'asmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Sucz, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension,

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAITS PACKET .-The Australian Contract Packet Normanby, will be despatched from Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 28th instant, with Mails for Singapore, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen, Keppel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, Fiji, and Mol-

Correspondence cannot be Registered after

The Mails will be closed at 1.30. Supplementary mail on board with 18 cents late fee till time of departure. Correspondence for Southern and Western

Australia can be sent by this route if

de ired, but as a general rule it is

better to send it via Galle. Hongkong, Jan. 24, 1879.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET .-

British Contract Packet Pekin will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 1st February, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe vid Brindisi or Southampton; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmab, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Tuesday, February 4:— Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa, nor for Mauritius.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET. The United States Mail Packet Oceanic, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 4th February, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:-

Registry of Letters ceases. 2.30 P.M. Post-Office closes, but Letters

(except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent by this route. Hongkong, January 18, 1878.

HOURS OF CLOSING

THE CONTRACT MAILS. The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by both the British and French Contract Packets :-

Day before departure,-5 P.M. -- Money Order Office closes | Post Office closes except the Night Box. which remains open all night,

Day of departure,— The Manufactory is under direct and 7 A.M. -- Post Office opens. 10 A.M. - Registry of Letters ceases,

Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases. 11 A.M. - Mails closed, except for Late Letters. at 7,40 p.m.

11.10 A.M.—Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents until 11.30 A.M. - when the Post Office Closes entirely.

18 cents until time of departure. Quotations. Hongkone, January 24, 1879. OPIUM.-New Patna, cash....\$5571 Old Patna, cash,... -credit, — New Benares, cash, 5271

oredit. ---Old Benares, cash, credit, — New Malwa, cash, 765 credit, -Taels, — Allowance Old Malwa, cash, 775 credit. -

Allowance Taels, -Exchange. Telegraphic Transfer, Bank, on demand, 30 days' sight, 6 months' sight, ... Credits, Documentary, 6 months' sight, $3/8\frac{7}{8}$ Bombay, demand Rupees, Calcutta, Shanghal, demand, 80 days', Bar Silver, 17 dwts, B., ... Gold Leaf, 991 fine English Sovereigns, Australian Sovereigns, ... 5.37

Shares. Hongkong Bank, 45 % prem. Union Ins. Society of Cauton, \$1,600 China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,500 Yangtabe Ins. Assoc., Tls. 725 Chinese Insurance Co., \$310 North China Ios. Co., Tls. 1 250 H.K. Fire ins. Co., \$800 China Fire Ins. Co., \$180 H.K. & W. Dock Co., 5 % dia, H.K. U. & M. S. boat Co., \$3 dis. Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tis. 17 Ohina Coast St. Nav. Co., Tis. 102 Hongkong Gas Co., \$80 . Hongkong Hotel Co., \$65 China Sugar Refining Co., \$148 Chinese Imperial Loan, £109 Do. of 1877, £108/10,

Temperature. Queen's Road.) Honorous January 24, 1879.

BAROMETER- 9 A.M.... 30 818 1 P.M.... 30 232 · Do. 4 P.M. ... THERMOMETER-9 A.M.... 1 P.M.... 53 4 P.M... Do. (Wet buib) 9 A.M. 49 1 p.m. 4 P.M. Do. Maximum Do. Minimum over night 51

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW Shipping.

Noon.-French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe, 4 p.m. Tanais leaves for Yokobama. h p.m. - Yangisi loaves for Shanghal.

General Memoranda. SUNDAY, January 26 :-

Daylight.—Douglas leaves for Coast Ports.

Monday, January 27:-Goods per Glenorchy undelivered after

TURSDAY, January 28:-Noon.—Hailoong leaves for Amoy, &c. 2 p.m. - Normanby leaves for Singa-

this date subject to rent.

pore, &c. 2 p.m.—Sale of Effects, &c., at M Armstrong's Sales Rooms. WEDNESDAY, January 29:-

Furniture, &c., at Olyphant & Co.'s Office, Praya. 3 p.m.-Meeting of Shareholders of the H., C. & M. Steamboat Co., Limited, at No. 50 A, Queen's Road.

2 p.m.-Sale of Household and Office

FRIDAY, January 31:—

Goods per Yangtsé undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charger.

Noon.-English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe,

Tuesday, February 11:-

SATURDAY, February 1:-

3 n.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

Transfer Books of The China Fire Insur-

ance Co., Limited, closed from this date

to 24th February, inclusive. HONGKONG DISPENSARY

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Hongkong, June 1, 1876. The publication of this issue commenced

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MARRIAGES.

On the 11th Dec., Louis Marie Joseph PHILIBERT DUNOYER DE SEGONZAC, of the best means of reviving trades. 11.40 A.M.—Late Letters may be posted Foothow, China, to AMELIE PERSIL, of on board the packet with Late Fee of Paris.

On the 7th Dec., at the Church of St. Mary, Maidenhead, by the Rev. J. Rathbone Cowdroy, M.A., MATTHEW JOHN DEN. MAN STEPHENS, of Hongkong, eldest Son of Matthew Spray Stephens, of Chatham. to Agnes Horsenaul, youngest Daughter of the late Joseph Young, of Chatham.

DEATHS. On the 9th Dec., at Bornay, A. BOREL,

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late of the Foochow Arsenal, of apoplexy.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JAN. 24, 1879. THE case at the Police Court yesterday in which an Indian constable was fined \$7 for neglect of duty, is another practi- THE Brisbane, with the upward Australian cal .illustration of the carelessness of Mail, left Singapore to-day (24th) at day our guardians of peace and order. There was a suspicion that this intelligent member of the police force was acting as watchman for a couple of gam. blers, who were busily engaged in their unlawful occupation under his very nose. and the evidence went so far as to show that the constable was walking unconcernedly between the fan-tan tables watching the men playing. Asked by the magistrate to give an explanation of his conduct, this innecent child of nature Baid he did not see the tables -a simple by the tug-boats Fame and Pilot Fish; and explanation enough, truly, but scarcely the E. & A. M. S. S. Normanby went t satisfactory under the circumstances. Either Indian constable No. 540 is a rascal or he suffers from a remarkable lack of observance which totally unfits him for the discharge of the duties of a "bobby." It is said that there is a possibility of Mr. The person who cannot see a fan tan F. Stewart accepting promotion in Ceylon table when he is walking between two of them, while they are being used by players, is, we need scarcely say, altogether

the unsatisfactory way in which the regulations with regard to the discharge of fire-works have been carried out by the (Taken at Messrs Fulconer & Co.'s Premises, Police Force during the last two or three days. Few foreigners residing in the central portion of the town were able to get more than half an hour, or an hour's, uneasy sleep during the night of the 21st-22nd, but we have heard some bitter complaints that they were prevented from sleeping on the following night as well. The night of the 22nd-23rd was unquestionably made almost as noisy as the previous one with the explosion of fire-works, this being in entire contravention of the regulations published in the Government Gazette We can also vouch for the fact that the firing of crackers and bombs also went on during the greater part of yesterday in the neighbourhood of Wellington Street, and, in fact, it was not before late hour last evening that many residents were able to enjoy their wonted buried at Happy Valley this afternoon.

too obtuse for the work of a police

constable.

duration. It was announced in the Gazette that "the Police will have strict orders to summon or arrest persons firing crackers in contravention of the foregoing restrictions," which prohibited the firing of crackers after 9 p.m. of the 22nd. Why, we may enquire, were not these restrictions enforced with some degree of efficiency. On neither of the corresponding occasions in the two preceding years was this fearful cracker nuisance kept up with so much persistency, after the prohibited hours, as on the present occasion, although in 1878 and 1877 the consumption of crackers was much larger than on Wednesday and Thursday last. The subject is one of some importance because it is a yearly recurring nuisance. It may be questioned whether it is necessary to permit even the whole of one night to be made hideous with this uproar. There is good reason to believe? that the Chinese could frighten the evil spirits of this planet and of others thousands of miles away as satisfactorily in two hours as in two days if they only tried. Considering that this is British soil, and that the discharge of fireworks as a public and semi-religious celebration on the 5th November has been prohibited in most parts of England we really do not see why the Chinese should not be induced to make an effort to get through their noisy performances of New Year's Day in the space of a couple of hours—say from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. Foreigners are scarcely permitted to live in Chinese towns, much less to banish sleep from them for a couple of nights with outrageous uproar. We offer no objection to our "Celestial" friends sitting up all night on such occasions; gorging pork and sweatmeats, and dunning unfortunate debtors until they pay or collapse, but it seems to us that when these gentle "pagans" are permitted to deprive respectable inhabitants of this Colony of two nights' sleep with their heathenish practices it is time for another public meeting to be held to pass a few more remarks on the miserable way in which the peace and order of this Colony are maintained. It is doubtless highly satisfactory to have all the evil spirits frightened away from the place, but on the whole we believe foreign residents would prefer to have a few ghouls and failen angels floating round than the infliction of this teu d'enfer for forty-eight hours.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL,"] (Per E. E. A. & O. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

principles and argued that reciprocity is The trial of the Directors of the City of

electors deprecated a return to P. Lectionist

London, 22nd January, 1879.

Mr. Forster addressing the Bradford

Glasgow Bank has commenced.

THE CAPE. Cetewayo has assented to some of the demands of the Government, but asks time to consider others. The Governor and High Commissioner has positively refused Cetewayo's request and is massing troops

on the frontier lines.

LOCAL AND GENERAL. The delivery of the French mail was begun at 0.25 this afternoon.

AT the Marine Court to day Thomas Eng

land, a seaman belonging to the British ship Connaught Ranger, was ordered to forfeit 12 days' pay for being absent from his ship without leave. THE O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer Coednic was towed round to Aberdeen this morning

the same Docks in tow of the Fame earl

in the afternoon. as head of the Rducation Department is that Colony. His name, however, still stands on the Messageries Maritimes book at Marseilles as bound for Hongkong While on this subject we may note Wherever he goes, he will carry the con fidence and good wishes of this Communit

> Ir is not long since we had to record th death of a man who was shot by some on on board of one of the Revenue Cruise which harass our port. We have now, w regret to say, to record the death of one the European quartermasters on board th Sunkes, who was shot through the head by stray shot from some salt smugglors. Th unfortunate man, by name Dark, was, believe, formerly employed on board ti Vigilant, and joined the Chinese service some 15 months ago. The salt junks well captured, and the shot which sent unfortunate man to his last account w fired from the bill-side by one of the amu glers, all of whom escaped. The body w

THE hold which the Canton steamers have | upon the daily course of business in this Colony is evidenced by the commotion which is created whenever a break occurs in the usual routine of the working of the steamers. The accident to the Powan has necessitated the Kinshan making double trips, and the excitement consequent upon the hurried manner in which the cargo has -to be discharged and put on board makes the Canton wharf a scene of unusal bustle in the afternoons. A very large number of passengers left this afternoon, and the steamer was not able to leave before about 2 past 5, and even then quite number of people were left behind.

OPEN BOAT SAILING BAUE.

Five boats entered-Victor Emanuel's gig, Coeran, Sailors' Home, Daphne, and The Small Fish. The start was effected at 1.55 p.m. Stations : -

1-The Small Fish 2—Coeran 3-Sailors' Home 4—Victor Emanuel's gig 5-Daphne.

The course was from the Coal Sheds at Kowloon around the stern of the Echo and. around the bow of the Spanish barque Vicenta, and terminating at the stern of the Victor Emanuel. .The first mark was passed in the following order:-

Victor Emanuel's glg The Small Fish Sallors Home Daphne ' Coeran.

They passed the 2nd mark :--The Small Fish Sailors' Home

> Daphne. Coeran Victor Emanuel's gig.

The winning mark was passed :---1-The Small Fish,

3h. 55m. 2-Sailors' Home, 4h. 05m. 3-Daphne, (Not timed.) 4-Coeran, 5-Victor Emanuel's gig (do.)

OUR CORRESPONDENT "A Real Old Resident" will be interested in the following outting from the London & China Express:-

It is strange that following closely upon the announcement of an indignation meetthe leading newspapers should receive (passage money) in case of the agreement \$1,498,603 against \$1,541,488 during same telegrams from that colony praising the terminating through the misconduct of Mr period in 1877, which is less in 1878 by acts of Mr. Pope Hennessy. The eulogies Duggleby. passed upon this volatile satrap seem to have been uttered by the new Chinese ernment House. It is not easy to under- at the discretion of his employées, and they not furnishing the manifest of cargo of the regarded of such importance as to justify health. The store boy had to produce rival, has been disallowed. telegrams. Baron Reuter evidently did expense of wiring was borne by Mr. Hennessy or the Chinese envoy-the only two persons on earth who could feel any interest in the matter.

THE following telegrams are extracted from the Singapore! Daily Times :-

London, Jan. 18 .- The Times has reason to believe that Yakoob Khan has been officially informed of the conditions of peace, the terms of which are such as he can honorably accept.

The Midland Institute at Birmingham, which contains the largest Shakesperian Library, has been totally destroyed by fire.

PASSENGERS BOOKED FOR HONGKONG. Per Mess. Mar. Amazone, Jan. 26-Mr

F. Stewart. P. & O. Deccan, from S'ampton, Dec. 12-Mr Lamb, Miss McCrae, Mr W. Mac-Gregor Smith.

P. & O. Hindostan, from S'ampton, Dec. 26-Mr W. Harrison. Per Gordon Castle, from London, Dec. 7 -Mrs. Sangster, Miss Jackson.

(L. and C. Express, Dec. 13th.) In the House of Commons on the 12th December, Mr Ashley asked the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether anything has been yet settled with regard to the third clause of the third section of the Chefoo Convention; and when the papers relating to this subject will be presented to the House,-In reply, Mr Bourke said that nothing had been settled in regard to the clause. Sir Thomas Wade was on his way to Calcutta with instructions to make representations to the Viceroy of India on that point. When the arrangements had been concluded the papers would

be laid on the table. Capt. Thomas E. Smith (1868) has been appointed Commedore at Hongkong, in succession to Commodore Watson. Capt. Smith will leave England for Hongkong early in March.

The appointments are gazetted of Staff-Burgeons-Henry A. Close, for service at sick quarters at Yokohama; Robert Nelson, to the Iron Duke; and Lieut. E. L. Wilson, to the Frolis on the China Station.

His Excellency Kwo will; we understand, be received to-day by the Prince of Wales, To-morrow he will leave for Paris, accompanied by Dr Macartney, and will await the arrival of the new Chinese Minister for St. Petersburg, and his own successor, the Marquis Tseng.

The following members of the China Commission to the Paris Exhibition have been honoured by appointments to the Legion of Honour :- As Commander, Mr Robert Hart as Officers, Mesers J. Hart, Campbell, Colin Jamieson, Geo. B. Glover, Bredon, and

We understand that the Spanish Council of Ministers at Madrid has again taken into bonsideration the laying down a submarine bable between Hongkong and Manila. H. E. Li Fong-pao, the new Charge d'Affaires for China at Berlin, accompanied by his secretary, Mr Tchen Ki-tong, has

been received by the Emperor. The Queen has conferred the Albert medal of the second class on Mr William Buyers. late second mate of the ship Harlaw. of Aberdeen, for gallant conduct displayed on the occasion of the wreck of that vessel in the China Sea

defects in her hull have been discovered. the labour required to repair her will make stead of to Hongkong. In other respects she is fit for lengthened service on the China Station, she having been thoroughly overhauled at Hongkong on re-commissioning in | what can be done to put a stop to them. January last.

The creditors of the firm of Wm. Pustan and Co. assembled at a meeting on the 4th inst., but the only result of their deliberation was the election of three gentlemen, Mr. Bahstedt, Mr. Roosen, and Dr. A. Wolffson, as a committee to investigate the affairs of the firm. A well known accountant of Hamburg, Mr. van den Berg, is now engaged upon the books, and until the publication of the accounts no further proceedings can take place. The solicitors of the firm informed the creditors of the receipt of of a telegram from the senior partner, Mr. W. Pustau, now at Hongkong, by which he submits to the resolutions of the committee; and another telegram announces the election of a similar committee, with administrative powers over the Hongkong branch, Mr. Linstead being nominated a l've tried-but in vain-te discover a reason trustee. Pending the report of the Hamburg committee, the mode of dealing with the estate remains undecided.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSION. (Before the Chief Justice, Sir John Smale.) 24th January, 1879.

REGINA V. LI ACHIK AND WONG ARIU. The prisoners, who were found guilty on Saturday last of stealing a bangle from a child, were brought up to-day for sentence. The first (the thief): was sentenced to five years' and the second (the assistant) to three years' penal servitude.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION. - (Before Mr Justice Snowden.)

of the Hongkong Dispensary, for three months' wages and cost of a second class amounted to 9.60 per cent., which is a good passage to England. A cross-action was also filed by Mr Humphreys, the proprietor | trade. missary note made under one of the sections | the month of December last amounted to | thiness of the Yung-ning. This has been of the agreement entered into between the \$118,808 against \$121,143 same time in strongly resented by the Wenchow people,

drink. The drink, he said, was supplied fine imposed by the Customs authorities for for a very long time. were allowed all that was proper for their ship Coldingham within 80 hours of her artheir being transmitted here in special anything that he was ordered to by the assistants. Supposing one of the assistants | 9.30 am. of Jan. 3, at Manila and in some not think they were worth sending, and it had given an order for one bottle of brandy provinces. boy had no discretionary powers, he was en- Liverpool about the end of the present of the Wenchow exiles, at least in the in- Stevedore usually manages to keep this would be interesting to know whether the the boy would have to obey the order. The tirely under the orders of the European January for Messrs. Olano-Larinaga & Co., assistants, who were entirely trusted, and no | which are intended for the inland navigastock account was kept. Supposing one of | tion of this archipelago. The two vessels the assistants wanted a box of clears or a | will be named after the two gallant genebottle of brandy for himself, he would rals-Churruca and Gravina-who distinobtain it through the store-boy, or more | guished themselves in the glorious battle properly still through another assistant. Defendent had reason to complain of the conduct of the plaintiff, who had received | steam traffic was so largely increased in the two bottles of brandy per week, and of the incapacity of the plaintiff | the vessels that visited the roads of Bataowing to his intemperate habits. The brandy had also been obtained from the store without payment.

The Court rose about 1 past 1 o'clock. Mr Dennys appeared for the plaintiff and Mr Wotton for the defendant. The case was adjourned until to-morrow at past 10 o'clock.

> Police Intelligence. (Before James Russell, Esq.) 24th January, 1879.

ROGUES AND VAGABONDS. A number of men were charged with being rogues and vagabonds, having been caught gambling in the public streets. They were fined variously \$1, or imprisoned for 14 days with hard labour.

DEUNKENNESS. Harry Mills, a seaman residing at the Sailor's Home, was fined 50 cents and ordered to pay 80 cents amends for being

drunk and incapable. Neil McCormack, private No. 406 74th Highlanders, was fined \$2 and ordered to pay \$1.50 amends for being drunk and disorderly and damaging some crockery the property of one Chow Atai, at Holywood

(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.) Ng Kun Fung, a soldier at Kowloong city, was charged on remand with attempt covered with coffee, cacao, beche-de-mer, ing to forcibly take away a woman from paddy, &c. Show ki wan. The case has already been fully reported. No further evidence was taken to-day, and the defendant was further remanded for one week.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE VEXED QUESTIONS. To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

January 24, 1879. SIR, - to a Hongkong curio, I propose by to morrow's mail to send to my distinguished friend Professor Tyndall a list of four of the questions put by Mr Hennessy to the native youths composing the Chemletry class at the Central School. The fifth question I will take the liberty of framing myself, viz., What is the principal element in the policy adopted by Mr Honnessy towards the Central school?

Yours do. "WHAT IS TRUTH!

OUR LOCAL BANK To the Editor of the "CHINA MATL."

January 24, 1879. Sin, As I am interested to some extent in the stock of our local Bank, might I inquire whether it is the intention of the Directors of that flourishing institution to formation laid by the defendants before the take cognisance, in their corporate capacity. of sertain allegations that have been made

The Army and Navy Gazette says:-It | tile interests. It will be a question for the | petitioner from Messrs Hedge & Co., is possible, according to reports that have shareholders' consideration at the next reached us, that the Vigilant will have to meeting, whether speculation which appears be ordered home for repairs, as some serious indirectly to affect the Board should or It is thought that the length of time and That the Board as a boy is in any way whatever chargeable with indiscretion of it advisable to send her to a home yard in- this kind, I do not for a moment believe. But people will talk, or print share lists, and our plain duty seems to me to be to inquire if such things are so; and, if so,

A SHAREHOLDER.

WHO KNOWS?

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL." Hongkong, Jan. 20, 1879. It seems there's a lack, Sir, of sound common

In places where most should be looked for, and The wiscat amongst us are oft heard to say That rascals will soon have it all their own way. The robbers and pirates are blithe as can be, For bobbies they all say they don't care a D., Because, though the latter are wily and brave,

And mostly au fait at unearthing a knave, It's so very rarely that rascals, when tried, Receive their deserts from the law they've defied Why, just at the present unsuitable season, That covey of jail-birds-all rascals, no doubt-Have been, so unwisely, from prison let out. Perhaps it arose from our Governor's fear Lest they should not spend such a Happy "New

In prison as out of it ! Who knows? Again-It might have occurred to his wonderful brain That should (as 'tis said that they will before long) The pirates again come to bother Hongkong, Our prison would be most infernally small If it were required to accommodate all Who-out of " four thousand"-might have the

To forfeit their freedom, in spite of their plack. However! The most that your readers can dare To hope is that actions like this may be rare In future. So now, with my very best grace, I beg to decline using more of your space.

Manila.

(Translated from our Manila Exchanges.) A dividend of 5 per centum for the second Duggleby v. Humphreys, \$538.88.—This | half year of 1878 has been declared by the was a claim made by an apothecary, lately Banco Espanol Filipino, adding to this the employed by Messrs A. S. Watson & Co., 4.60 per centum distributed for the first six months of the year, the annual dividend Interest, considering the depressed state of

Mr J. D. Humphreys spoke as to the | An appeal made by Messrs. Findlay, Ricustom of supplying plaintiff with food and chardson & Co., for the withdrawal of the

An earthquake was slightly felt at about

of Trafalgar.

Since the opening of the Suez Canal, the Indian archipelago, and so numerous were via, that the Netherland Government had thought fit to construct a new port wide enough for the vessels to lie at more ease. The violence of the wind and the continued state of the sea have rendered it difficult and sometimes impossible to the vessels in the reads for loading and discharging car goes. The new port, which is being constructed, is situated in the cape Taudjong. Priok, to the east of Batavia, and is to have communication with that city by means of a canal and a railway. . The work of construction was commenced in 1877 and at present there are 3,000 men employed in it under the direction of European englneers. It is expected that the works will be completed in 1885. The new port is to be called Prince Henri.

A letter from Pollock (Mindanao) dated Dec. 17th last, says that there are more activity and life in that district during the last two months than in any other time the Governor is pushing forward with will the construction of Government establishments, and the Chinese are erecting houses with iron roofs. The immigrants from Panay dedicate their efforts to the planting of coffee, cacao, and plantain. The Chinese, like the birds of prey, are eagerly trying to obtain as much as cossible of coffee from the Moros at the Malaban and Lalabuan markets, where the Moros, numbering some two to three thousand, make their rendezvous on Saturdays from different places. The streets of Cottabato and Pollok, while the sug is up, are all

China. WENCHOW.

Judging from what I hear, the decision come to in Peking by our authorities, as to the identity of the vessel detained with the missing lorcha Mandarin or the trustworthiness of the evidence brought to rebut this supposition, is by no means conclusive or satisfactory to the native officials; and indeed from what I can gather would simply seem to amount to a declaration of temporary cessation of action, in as far as is comprehended by desistance from further attempts to gain possession of the few ret ten planks which are all that now constitute

the suspected craft. It appears, however, that Woo Ah yuan has thought himself justified in filing a petition through the Viceroy in Foochow to the Taotai here, praying that our authorities be moved to compel two "British subjects" (sic) (named), who appeared in fesponse to official summons as witnesses in the case, to pay to the plaintiff a sum amounting to about \$4,000 for detention, loss of cargo, freight, vessel, and personal liberty; adding, I am informed, that all these disasters were consequent on the "talse and malicious" inauthorities. The groundlessness of these statements was somelusively abown at the

Foochow." Woo Ah-yuan, it will perhaps be recollected, is the same individual who on previous occasions stated that he was should not be specially commented upon. merely the master of the lorcha; besides which there are other statements said to be set forth in the petition, that would seem to be inconsistent with those made by the plaintiff when a witness before the Court at Wenchow. The native public here look on the whole matter as a great joke, the chief which has been gained over foreigners all through, as the former have (rightly or wrongly) always most openly asserted, not merely their b. lief, but their certain knowledge as to this boat being the very Mandarin herself.

Whether or not any of Woo's present assertions when contrasted with his past depositions, petitions, and affirmations, materially strengthen the case of those who contend that this is the stolen lorcha, is a question which will, I have no doubt, prove of high interest to all immediately con-

arresting the implicated vessel. As I have said before, they were merely witnesses, appealed to after the lorchs had been safely hauled up and put under guard.

This-does not seem to disconcert Woo Ah-yuan, however, nor need it do so, seeing how easily he gets over certain geographical facts and natural laws, which notoriously oppose his opening assertions about the defendants and their connection with " his misfortnnes."

The Yung ning has duly returned, and we are of course glad to see her, although I fear she cannot hope for very much cargo and although the specimen of the native at this time. The prospects of her getting good freights after Chinese New Year are cheering. The natives say she is to make three trips per month; but they all seem to unite in thinking that for the first two the slight difference in price between it and months-namely while the trade is being the tinned butter we are accustomed to. coaxed back to its old centre-perhaps two. voyages will be found most convenient. This, however, is a matter which rests entirely with those whose interest it is to (Mitchell's Maritime Register, October 25)

specially weigh such considerations. Apropos of the steamer, and in proof of

monotonous .- N. C. D. News.

Japan.

(Gasette.) some of which were deposited to the lee of our sir as to be fatal to human life. fication afterwards of seeing them destroyed: not, possibly, be so overpowering as and burned more florcely than ever.

from the flames, were surrounded and burnt with a handkerchief, and by not inhaling bly the discovery might be of use to other to death. Another poor woman, finding fire | the foul air he managed to get to the tank on all sides of her, and that escape was and attach lines to the two men who were judges in Tichborne cases and to church hopeless, threw herself into a well and was unconscious, and by this means they were goers condemned to ait under one of thos drowned. The remains of a clerk in a rice resoued. This was proof positive that from preachers who seem incapable of fatigue. persons are missing:

The fire originated in a rice store, the of the Merchant Shipping Act, of 1851 occupants of which have been taken to the police station to undergo an examination of Her Majesty's ships on foreign stations, into the causs of the disaster.

We believe that negotiations which have long been pending between Japan and the of the draft of a provisional treaty between or more of the Seamen belonging to such verdict of guilty, but not with a felonial the two powers, by which, in consideration ship or whenever the interest of the Owner intention. They were, of course, di of Japan being permitted to have the of any British ship, or of the cargo of any charged,

The Thistle, gun vessel, Commander R. | here and at Shanghai regarding the manner | enquiry held here, and that at the same | unfettered control of its customs tariff, | such ship, appears to such Officer to re-S. Hunt, arrived at Spithead from China in which the duties of directors as such may time the lorcha under detention was clearly certain supposed reciprocal advantages are quire it." In pursuance of that power the occasionally clash with individual mercan- proved to be "the one purchased by the to be guaranteed specially to U. S. ships Consul at Saigon opened a Naval Court of provisions of the new treaty have been kept | the evidence of witnesses, came to the consecret up to this, no doubt, at the request of clusion that the fatality "was caused by the Japanese, but will soon be divulged. the generation of foul air from or by the We believe it will be found to contain a cargo." This leaves the question open as clause to the effect that the treaty is not to to whether, in the opinion of the Court, take effect, unless the other powers having the foul air was generated by the cargo treaties with Japan are also willing to agree | itself, or the p pper and bark absorbed the to the stipulation that Japan shall have the noxious vapours from other directions. As unrestricted regulation of her own tariff. to the damp state in which the cargo was As there is no probability of this, the new put on board the ship, the Court say that treaty may be regarded as a nullity. We neither the Captain nor his Officers had any this is only a continuance of the victory may probably learn further and authentic control by the Charter party over its recepdetails shortly. The transaction wears the tion. According to this definition of a aspect of a friendly compact, but which at contract of affreightment, the Master of a the same time has no genuine practical value. However, it will please the Japanese perilous to the lives of the Crew, by the mind for the time being; but it is manifest that an agreement which is subordinate to ment, it may be unsafe to convey. The the decision of the other principal powers, cannot be regarded as of much importance, to the importance of ventilation, for they when it is known beforehand that there is no likelihood of England, France, or Germany, following suit.

Ir appears somewhat remarkable that, interesting to point out that one of the almost without exception, every sailing streets are provided with mantraps and defendants named is not a British subject; ship laden with korosene for ports in Japan gratings, notwithstanding which men who and that neither had anything whatever to meets with some mishap on her way here. enter them are not only liable to, but are In our Kobe news will be found an account actually killed by, the impure air they on which the Chinese officials acted when of three more in trouble, and in the case of encounter. The best conveyor or disperser the Masonic we hear that the Captain has of foul air is said to be a rapid current of been murdered. There certainly seems a water. If this theory is unimpeachable, kind of fatality in the transport of this then the constant flow of a dirty stream really useful article, and at first we were through the large brick tunnels that are inclined to believe that the cargo being at | constructed to carry off the sewage, ought all times a dangerous one, no first class to disperse all noxious gases, and force from this being the case we are told that the object of allowing free ingress to pure these very ships bringing out kerosene often return laden with tea, and are as a rule first class vessels and ably manned.

Ir may not be generally known that fresh butter is to be obtained in Nagasaki, production which we have seen does not equal in quality, and more especially in appearance, that of Kioto and Yokohama, still it is a great treat, and well worthy of

FOUL AIR IN SHIPS' HOLDS.

The death of four men from foul air in the hold of a ship is an occurrence of so the goodwill entertained towards her by rare a character that it appears to us advisthe Wenchowites (natives), I may mention able to make special reference to the manthat some evil-disposed person or persons | ner in which, it is said, the gas was produced. The Elgin (s) was fitted with a going, and the trick played by a man The duty collected by the Customs for culated reports reflecting on the see-wor- water-tank for ballasting purposes which yesterday on the fourteen ladies in a Woodthat tank a quantity of cargo, consisting of by every true citizen. If again attempted pepper and mangrove bark, was stowed. he may get himself into trouble. H

refund the sum of £60 to the defendant | the twelve months of 1878 reached only charges which have palpably arisen from | The pepper shipped at Sing spore and Salgon | boarded the car with a rubber shoe in his We are at last favoured with a sight of stowed in the hold of a vessel it very often cowhide boot, and at a proper moment the flag-H.M.S. Sheldrake arrived yester- swells to such an extent as to burst the when all eyes were turned upon the car day; but alas! only for a four days' stay. bags and damage other goods. The heat switching past, he dropped the rubber on I suppose we shall not be similarly honoured dries up wood that is not properly seasoned the floor and then suddenly pretended to or has the least sap in it, and gives the

Naval officers who care for shooting are | ceiling, beams, or planking the appearance | called out : informed that ducks, geese, curlew and of having the dry rot. If pepper is placed plover abound; and good sport can always | near chests of tea or bage of coffee, it will we had at little expense. I wonder if the | destroy their marketable value by imparting Admiral is a "gunist" (of course I mean to them its own pungency. Great care is fowlingly !), and whether the above state- needed when pepper is stowed under Two new steamers are expected here from ment will soften his heart, if not on behalf hatches in a damp condition. A good it around. terest of the members of his service who article as near midships as possible, and if one of her rubbers had dropped off, but ought to have some relaxation allowed them | clear of other goods. It appears that the | her mind was made up to wade in mud two after the balls, operas, paper hunts, &c., of bags of pepper, as also the bark, which the feet deep before claiming that one. the more attractive ports, have become Elgin had on board, were received in a wet state. Red mangrove bark is used in nothing for my services," calmly observed dyeing, and is taken from the tree Rhizophora | the field, as he looked down one side of gynorhiza, which grows in swampy ground, the car and up the other. and is generally found on marshy land. The mangrove bark should be thoroughly dried before it is tied up in bundles and sent to Another of those unfortunate fires which ports for shipment. This precaution of up to leave the car. "I'm a rubber show every winter are witnessed more or less drying the bark is not always adhered to, ahead. It won't do the loser any good to frequently in the native portion of Yoko and, unfortunately, in the case of the Elgin, | call at my office, or to send a boy and

hama, has destroyed a large number of it was sent for conveyance without the basket after this shoe, for I won't give it houses, and rendered destitute many who | moisture having been extracted by exposing | up." were well-to-do tradesmen, or comfortable | the article long enough to the action of the householders. This time, also, we regret to sun and wind. The heated steam from the have to record loss of life. About 3.20 pepper would, it is probable, attack the moist a.m. on Sunday, the 12th January, while a bark, and decomposition of the latter would stiff breeze was blowing accompanied by be the result. The substantial knees of a the first fall of snow of the season, the fire | largeship have been wasted away by the steam bells gave unwelcome warning of the ex- from pepper. If, therefore, thick but sappy or istence of fire. Thousands hurriedly be- spongy timber can be materially damaged took themselves towards Motomachi, where by the heat of pepper, we may assume that volumes of smoke and bright sheets of moist bark would present just the sort of flame were seen shooting upwards to a substance required for the hot air or vapour. great height. There was the usual scene to enter. We cannot find any recorded of panic stricken people, hurrying hither instance, however, of pepper and bark, in and thither with portions of their effects, contact, generating such a deadly or gasethe fire where their owners had the morti- heated vapour of the pepper alone might coolies were employed in rapidly clearing render persons instantly insensible on being out the stock-in-trade of some unfortunate | enveloped in it; but the decomposed bark vendor of second hand articles: native of the perennial plant would supply a firemen were making brave, but ill direct noxious fume which, in mixing with the ted, individual efforts to stay the progress other, would be too impure for respiration. of the flames, or save some article from The tank was open, and, therefore, the pure destruction, and women and children in air-from above could find its way to the the back-ground were sitting shivering in | cargo. Some of the foul air was collected the cold bewailing their unhappy lot. The for chemical analysis, and we may yet be culated within ten minutes of the actual Relif fire engine rushed to the spot, favoured with a copy of the report of the followed some time afterwards by the au horities. At present that which killed Victoria, both rendering good service! the men is called by the name of "foulair." detachments from men of war came run. All foul airs must be of a gaseous nature, or even a two hours and twenty minutes ning up with axes, hooks, ropes and other | but there are neveral kinds of gases. Had implements; native fire engines in abun an open light been taken into the tank a The inventor, who throughout his experdance planted their hose in the creek and discovery would quickly have been made as ments had railway travelling in his mind directed their streams on the burning mass, to whether the foul air there was explosive arranges the doses in "miles," or rathe but the flames were superior to their efforts or not. We have direct evidence, howev r, kilometres. Going from London to Oxfort of its being as poisonous to the lungs as the (a distance of sixty-three miles) you might Half an hour after the outbreak, the fire foul air in sewers. One man fell when in safely swallow fifty miles, if so inclined was sweeping all before it on both sides of the tank and died, and another of the Crew Old man and persons suffering from an min the street, when, fortunately, the wind fell. who went down to bend a line to the body have to take a rather stronger dose that The contingents from the various navies dropped insensible. A third man went others. The effect of the potion-for the now concentrated their resources against down to the assistance of the others, and he drug is taken in a liquid form-would some houses, which, by means of axes, fell dead. The Boatswain was the next to appear to be instantaneous. Of course is poles and ropes were demolished and carri- descend, and he expired on reaching the composition is a secret. It has, however ed away in an amazingly brief period. The place where the cargo was stowed; and on already been tried by a number of the phy breach thus made was the means of check- the Cook going into the tank he became sician's patients, who allowed themselves t ing the fire, for the flames got no further | insensible. There were then four men dead | be experimented on. They pronounce About the time the fire was at its worst and two ince sible. One thoughtful fel- very agreeable to the taste, having some two unfortunate women in trying to get away lowed covered his fade, mouth, and nose thing of the flavour of chartreuse. Poss store were found in cinders; and it is fear. whatever cause it originated there was ed that more lives have been lost as several sufficient contaminated air to suffocate those who approached it. The 260th Section

> empowers any Officer in command of any or, in the absence of any such Officer, the Consul, to summon a Naval Court, "whenever a complaint appears to such Officer to require immediate investigation, set up was that the accused had run awa and is made by the Master of any British with the vessel in a drunken freak, and the ship, or by any certificated Mate, or by one jury caused great laughter by returning

vessel must make his ship unseaworthy, or stowage of goods below which, in his judgmembers of the Court, however, were alive recommended that the hold in which the mishap took place should have two tubes inserted in it from the upper deck. They also considered that the foul air was so dangerously prevalent in the mainhold as to demand an increase in the ventilation. The sewer pipes running under our vessel would care to take it, but so far them up through the apertures made with and egress to impure air. Foul air does not, however, ascend unless it is acted upon by a flow of water or air, the one or both creating a draught. Stagnated foul aid will remain choked up. The mere putting of tubes through hatches will not necessarily compel, as it were, the gases to come up through them. Ventilators may furnish air from above, but are not dependible for drawing up dangerous gases from below. Motion is required to make foul air circulate; and where this cannot be readily attained, as in the enclosed hold of a ship. there is only one other way of getting rid of a gaseous nuisance, and that is by constantly using a force or exhaust pump.

WHO WAS IT?

When the streets are as muddy as yester day the cars are full of ladies coming and see it. Bending over and picking it up he

www.hich of you ladies lost this rubber ? Every face turned pale at the size of its and each lady gave the other a sly glance. " Some one in this car lost this rubber! continued the human hyena as he waved

Not a lady moved. Each one wondered

"The owner can have it-I charge

Not a hand was raised, but all feet were drawn under the seat, as if by machinery. "Very well," said the man, as he rose

A VALUABLE SOPORIFIC.

A Paris physician is said to have made discovery for which railway travellers will certainly combine to vote him a testimonial Most persons have experienced the miser of a long journey on a line where Pullman cars are unknown. Whether a man traveling by day or by night, he will pro bably wish to go to sleep after a time, a the best way of forgetting the ennul of the situation. Unhappily, the wish does no always bring about its fulfilment, and may even be imprudent to yield to drows influences when you are not more than moderate distance from your destination of from a junction where you have to change carriages. The inventor in question has however, devised a soporific which he dd clares to be perfectly innocuous, and which has the singular virtue of being limitable in the duration of its effects at the pleasur of he person using it. The time during which a given dose will operate can be cal and a half's journey before him might fee perfectly safe in taking a two hours' dose

A PECULIAR and rather ludierous can was tried at the Borough Quarter Session at Brighton; where three men were charge with stealing a yacht, in the possession which they were captured about ten mill down Channel, on their voyage, as the stated at the time, to America. The defend

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, BATAVIA POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND MARSEILLES;

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ON SATURDAY, the 25th January, 1879, at Noon, the Company's S. S. IRAOUADDY, Commandant GAUVAIN, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the

above places. Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marsellles for the principal places of Europe. Shipping Orders will be granted until

Noon. Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 24th January, 1879. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required. For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office. L. HENNEQUIN,

Acting Agent. Hongkong, January 14, 1879.



STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA, BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI-TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-AMPTON, AND LONDON; VIA BOMBAY,

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Steamers from Shanghai. Breight will be received on Board until p.m. of the 3rd February. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same to required. A REDUCTION Is made on RETURN PAS-

DAGE TIORETS. For further information as to Freight Passage, apply to the Agency of the company, No. 87, Queen's Road Central. G. B. EMORY, Agent. Hongkone January 3, 1879.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

IN Consequence of the Fire, NAM HING LOONG has REMOVED to No. TANKEY STREET, where Business will be Conducted as usual. Hongkong, December 28, 1878.

NOTION.

TAROM and after the Chinese New Year's day (Pobruary 17, 1874) the Chinese Mail will be insued party instead of rul WEEKLY as heretofore. No change, howwer, will be made in the price of subscripe don, which will remain at \$4 per annum.

The charges for advertisements are now sesimilated to those of the China Mail. The unusual success which has attended the Chinese Mail makes it an admirable nedium for advertisors.

The Conductors guarantee an eventual figulation of one thousand copies. iready the most influential native journal rublished, and enjoys considerable prestige t the Ports of China and Japan, and at lingapore, Penang, Calentta, San Fran-Billio Kell Offer

Intimations.

MOORE & Co., "VARIETY STORE," NEWS AGENTS AND TOBACCONISTS. No. 42, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

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Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

NOTIOE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

SEVENTH RETURN of CAPITAL at the Rate of TWO TAELS per SHARE will be made to Shareholders of Record on the 8th January, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on WED. NESDAY, the 15th-January.

Warrants will then be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company

will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 15th January, inclusive. By Order,

Liquidators. Bhanghai, January 4, 1879.

RUSSELL & Co.,

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MEYER & Co.

Honghong, August 13, 1878

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w (FIRE AND LIFE,)

CAPITAL,-Two Millions Sterling.

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posals or any other information, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents, Hongkong & Canton. Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

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J. BRADLEE SMITH, General Agent, Hongkong, December 9, 1878

Insurances.

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NORTON & Co., Agents, Hongkong, January 1, 1874,

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

-			Exc	lusive of late	Arriv	als and	Dep	artures reported to-day.		
	Vessel's Name.	Spe.	1	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date	1	Consignees or Agents.	Destination,	Remarks.
00	Steamers Albay	<u>`</u>	F. Ashton	Brit, str.	366	Jan. 1	18 C	ouglas Lapraik & Co.	Amoy & Talwanfoo	K'loon Dock
00	America	4 c	Graham	Brit. atr.				ardine, Matheson & Co.		
43 22	Atalanta	1	Petersen	Ger. str. Ger. str.	782	Jan. 1	1 6 S	iemssen & Co. iemssen & Co.	Bangkok	K'loon Dock Wanchai Pier
63	Bombay	1 h		Brit. str.	, 749	Feb. 1	12 E	wok Acheong . & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	Malls *
81	Chinkiang :		Orr	Brit, str.	799	Dec. 2	21 8		Shanghal Hoihow & Haiphong	K'loon Dock
·	Conquest	3 h	Clanchy	Brit. str.		Jan. 1	18 1	uen Fat Hong	Bangkok Manila	K'loon Dock
ıt-	Diamante	5 h	Young	Brit. str.	864	Jan.	21 L		Coast Ports	26th, daylight
ne nt		6 h	Stopani	Brit, str.	222 117	****	, £	Remedios & Co. I.K. & W'pos Dock Co.	Amoy and Manila	Tug Plying
on	Hailoong	6 c	Bergh	Norw, atr.	277 904	Jan.	28 A	rnhold, Karberg & Co.	Tameni, &c.	
	Hwai Yuen	5 c	Wilson	Chi. str.	650 2558	Jan.			Canton Marseilles, &c.	To-day To-morrow
16	Karo Killarney	6 h	Colling	Brit. str.	979	Jan. 2	21 1	Leyer & Co. libb, Livingston & Co.		
_	Lee Yuen Lorne	4 b	Tisdall	Chi. str.	734	Jan.	21 9). M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai S'apore and Penang	
	Ningpo		Сава	Brit. str.	761	Jan.	48		Shanghal Australian Ports	K'loon Dock 28th inst.
	Normanby Norna	. 3 k	**!********	Brit. str.	606	June 2	28 E	Wok Acheong	Y'hama & S. F'cisco	
	Oceanic		Hernsbeim	Ger. str.	69	Jan.	10 8	iemssen & Co.	T Dams of St & Cisco	Sanda' Slip
as	Perusia	lő c	Wrang	Ger. str.	876	Jan.	7 8		Salgon	
r- ks	Sea Gull	15 c	Marcelle	Fch. str.		Jan.	23		Yokohama	To-morrow
· ·	TeucerThales	11 k	Power	Brit. str.		Jan. Jan.			Shanghal —	To-day K'loon Dock
11	Yang-tséYottung	15 c	Nomdedeu	Fch. str.	2400	Jan, 2	24	Iessageries Maritimes	Shanghal Swatow	To-morrow
	Sailing Vessels Agate	1	1	. ' .					New York	
	Alden Besse	4 k	Noyes	Amer, bge,	850	Dec.	17 E		San Francisco	
	AlfredoBlack Hawk	8 c	Howland	Amer, sh.	1126	Jan,	13	Beo. R. Stevens & Co.	M1 # -	
	Black Watch	. 6 k	Fishwick	Brit. bae.	388	Dec. Nov.	13	libb, Livingston & Co.	Channel f. o.	
	Charité	2 h	Gautiere Lucky	Fch. bge. Amer. sh.	256 1333	Jan, J Jan,	∵8 €	rder	Tientsin	
of e.	Christina	18 c	Capra	Nic.3. m. sc.	173	Dec.	2 J 18 V	V. H. Ray	D	4.
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at		. 2 k	Steffens	Ger. bqe.	368	Nov.	22 \	logel & Co.	Hamburg Shanghai	K'loon Dock
٠.	Cordonan	. 2 c	Bertaud	Fch. bge.	. 459 ·		100	Carlowitz & Co. Neyer & Co.		Wanchai Pier
	Corea Cresswell	4 k	White	Brit. bae.	464	Jan.	6 7	Vieler & Co.	************	
٠ .	E. C. Mutch Echo	2 k	Tozer	Brit. boe.	869		5 4	aptain Imhold, Karberg & Co.	***********	Cos'tan Dook
•	Elizabeth Nicholson Emilio V.	2 b	Merello	Ital. bge.	724	Nov.	80 I	Borneo Co., Limited D. Musso & Co.	Nagasaki	
	Esperance	4 c	Guillon	Fch. bge.	272	Deo. Nov.	2 () 9 I	Carlowitz & Co. Andstein & Co.	Tientsin	Ab'deen Dook
	Faugh Balaugh	. 8 c	Rüte	Ger. bge.	440				Tientsin New York	
	Flensborg Florence Nightingale	4 k	Jacobsen	Dan, bqe.	865	Nov.	22 E	duard Schellhass & Co.	Tientsin	
Į.	Fontenaye	4 k	Taylor	Brit, sh.	635	Oct. 1	10 4	rnhold, Karberg & Co. Cozario & Co.	Callao	
	Friedrich	. 5 k	Ulderup	Ger. bqe.	672	Jan.	7]1	Ieyer & Co. Vieler & Co.	A tre a tre	
و.	Gylding	4 k	Brereton	Amer. sch.	853	Nov.	19 E	duard Schellhass & Co.	Amoy	
1.6 GG	Hattie N. Bangs	3 c	Mead	Brit, bge,	296	Dec. Dec.	2		Tientsin	
•	HazelhuratHelena	2 0	Snow	Amer, bge,	603	Jan,	10	Rozatio & Co. Saptain		
er	Trank-ni Di- 1.	4 k	Treat	Amer. bge.	573		19 1	√ogel & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	
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đ.	Kvik Laurel	7 c	Larsen	Norw. bge.	417	Dec. 1	148	iemssen & Co. libb, Livingston & Co.		
ng	Lota	8 c	Dudfield	Brit, bge.	472	Jan. 1	13 (rder	Haiphong	-
	Maria Louisa	4 C	Erichsen	Ger. bge.	442	Jan. 2	20 <u>Y</u>	Vieler & Co. Rozario & Co.	Fronk	
	Marquis of Argyli Matchless	7 c	Dawes	Amer. sh.	1165	Nov.	100	leyer & Co.	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
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Vessel's Name.	Anohor-	Flag.	Olass.	Tons.	Guns.	Н. Р.	Date of Arrival.	Commander.	
Armide Bayan Crayeser Fly Iron Duke Lapwing Magpie Marques del Duero Mecanee Sun-kee Victor Emanuel	667777664 66777766666	French Russian Russian British British British British British Spanish British Chinese British	iron-clad corvette man-of-war gun vessel Flag-ship (iron-clad) gun vessel gun vessel gun vessel transport military hospita) gunboat Commodore's flag-ship	3800 2000 1400 584 784 774 2591 180 3087	12 10 8 4 14 3 8	450 120 800 160 160	Jan. 21 Dec. 28 Jan. 23 Dec. 21 Jan. 4 Dec. 25 Nov. 4 Jan. 19 Jan. 24	de la Barriere R. Poyel R. Poyel R. McNeil M. McNeil Wm. Cleveland W. J. Scott W. M. Lang Guilleume Lobe J. H. Wade Commodore Watson	

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	i Kekin			British brig
	Shanghai		I .	C. Rica ship
Chinasa	Sin Nanzing		Mary	British schooner
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	Ta-ytto-futiz	American	Nourmahal	for London
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